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H. Martin saw the most interesting part of which was that Ailsie, the little coloured girl mentioned in the 1st vol of the Westspects, who lived in N. Orleans has been sent to her by her master. You may remember she spoke of the gentle man's wife with much interest, & he after reading the book took this step. Harriet is going to adopt her and bring her up with every advantage. Don't it good?

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was in convenience. obliged to tell her that

she spoke to Margaret of her novel & said the whole plan was in her head and now written, that only one friend in whose knowledge of fiction she greatly confided had seen it; that she did not even show it to her dear brother James; that so much had been expected from her in this novel that her friends felt uneasy, but that she herself did not feel very bad even if she failed. One thing she knew, she had done the very best she could. She alluded to her article in the Westminister as an important one, but entered into no particulars. Margaret spoke of it in such a manner that I